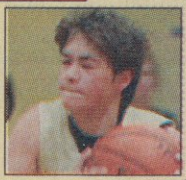


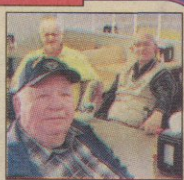
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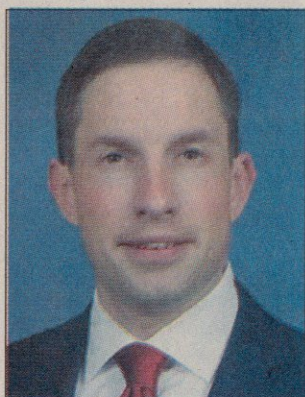
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Enterprise lawyer James Tarbox appointed as District Attorney for 12th Judicial Circuit

On Friday, Jan. 20, Governor Kay Ivey officially appointed James Tarbox as District Attorney of the 12th Judicial Circuit of Alabama, which serves Coffee and Pike counties.

Tarbox immediately replaces Tom Anderson, who was elected to the current term but vacated the office.

"You will serve the remainder of the term vacated by Mr. Tom Anderson," Governor Ivey wrote in a letter addressed to Tarbox notifying him of the appointment. "As one



James Tarbox

of my appointees, you will be making important decisions that directly affect the

citizens of Alabama. I have made honesty and integrity a priority in my administration, and I know that you will embody these two virtues while serving the people of Alabama."

Prior to last week's appointment, Tarbox worked as an attorney at the firm of Marsh & Cotter LLP in Enterprise, Ala. He graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law in 2013. He and his wife, Mallorie, reside in Enterprise. They are expecting their first child in June.

Elba Police arrested two Sunday afternoon for domestic violence & possession of drugs

Elba Police responded to a domestic violence call Sunday, Jan. 22, which resulted in two people being arrested for not only domestic violence but also illegal drug charges.



Ryan Kingston & Chelsea Larson

According to the Coffee County Jail roster, Ryan Kingston, age 32, of Elba was booked into the county jail at 4:13 p.m. Sunday afternoon after being arrested by Elba Police. He was charged with third-degree domestic violence [\$1,000 bond], possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], first-degree possession of marijuana [\$5,000 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$2,500 bond].

At 4:50 p.m. Sunday afternoon, county jail records show that Chelsea Larson, age 36, of Elba was booked into the facility after her arrest by Elba Police. She was charged with third-degree domestic violence [\$1,000 bond], possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], first-degree possession of marijuana [\$5,000 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$2,500 bond].

EMA director says straight-line winds caused Jan. 12th storm damages across Coffee County

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday morning, Jan. 23, county EMA director James Brown gave a report from the Thursday, Jan. 12, storm damage sustained in the county.

Brown said the county completed a survey with the National Weather Service (NWS), and it was determined to be straight-line winds that caused damage across Coffee County that day.

"We did have a tornado warning, but the damage was done by 'straight-line winds,'" Brown said. "Those

winds were about 80 miles-per-hour so they weren't just little winds. They snapped some trees and caused some problems."

He said the county had 36 different sites with trees on the roadways due to the Jan. 12th storm. He said the uninsured damages were estimated to be approximately \$150,000.

"We did not quite meet the criteria for federal assistance," he said.

Brown also warned of another storm system that was predicted for earlier this week. He said predictions were for that storm to move through area last Tuesday night into Wednesday.

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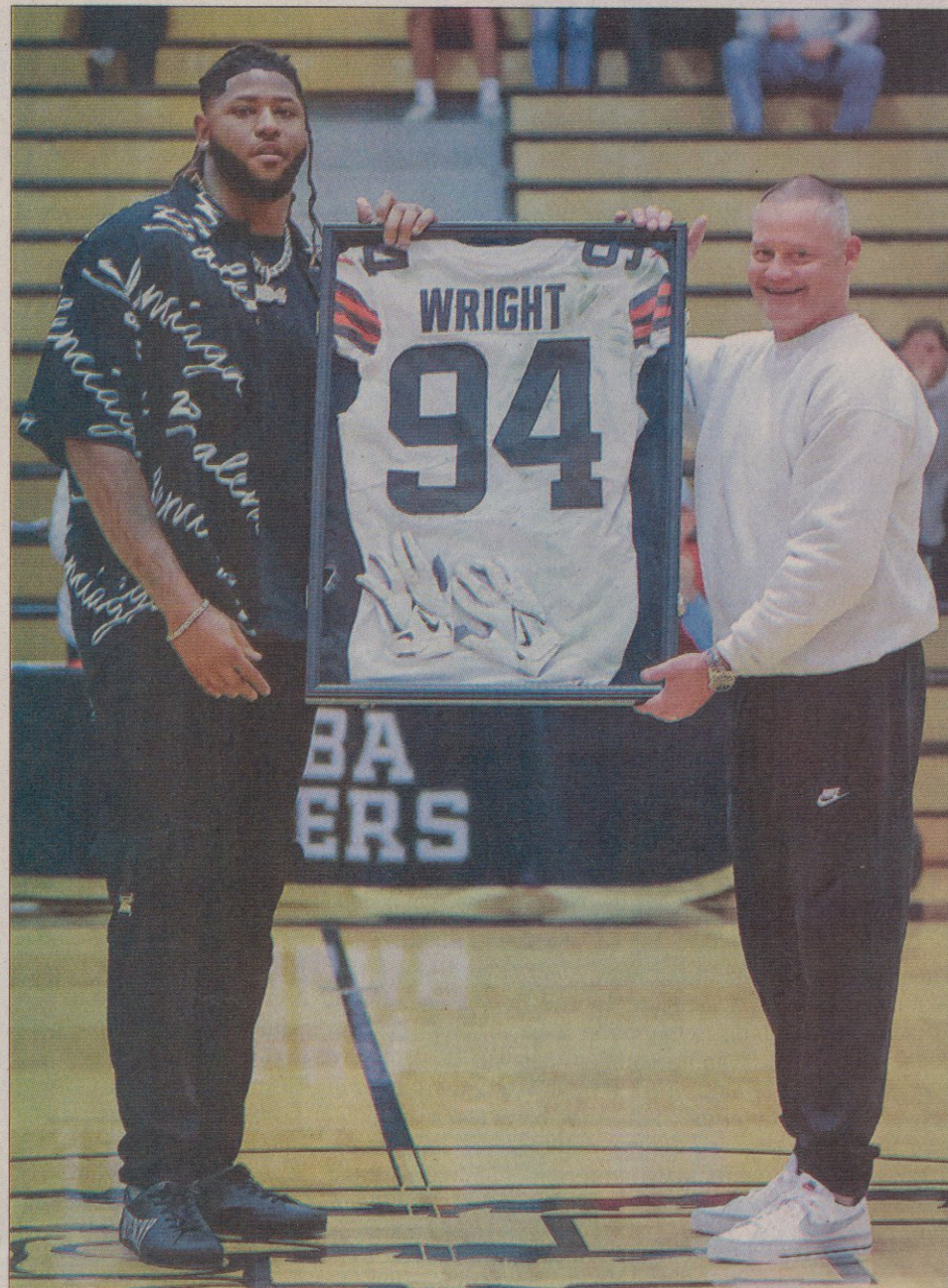
Brittany Taylor, age 19, of Ariton, Ala., one of two suspects arrested Jan. 9th by deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office for aggravated child abuse was released from jail Friday, Jan. 20, after posting an \$180,000 bond. Also charged in this alleged incident was Nate Smith, age 20, of Ariton. He remains in the Coffee County Jail awaiting his "Aniah's Law" pretrial hearing. The hearing was originally set for Jan. 11th; however, Smith reportedly asked for a court appointed attorney at that time, and his hearing was postponed.

Elba High School ACAP team makes presentation during BOE meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba Board of Education meeting held Tuesday night, Jan. 17, board members heard presentations from both the high school and elementary school on student testing and plans to improve each school's state report card score.

When scores were released in November, both the elementary and high school scores for Elba were "not where we want them to be" according to school leadership, and superintendent Chris Moseley said the



WRIGHT DONATES ROOKIE JERSEY FOR DISPLAY AT ELBA HIGH SCHOOL...Elba's own Alex Wright (left) presented a rookie season game jersey and gloves from his first season playing in the NFL with the Cleveland Browns Friday night, Jan. 20, to Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley (right). The presentation was made during halftime of the Elba vs. Pike Lib basketball game at Elba High School. Wright was a third-round draft pick (78th overall) in the 2022 NFL draft by the Browns. During his rookie season, Wright - a defensive end - played in all 17 games for the Browns, starting in five of the 17 games. He accounted for 28 total tackles, including 13 solo tackles and 15 assists. Also, Wright had two tackles for a loss on the season and one fumble recovery. Moseley said the shadow box with Wright's rookie jersey and gloves will be prominently displayed at Elba High School as all of Elba is extremely proud of Alex Wright and his accomplishments.

(photo by BCSports Photography)

Three teachers approved for TEAMS contracts during Elba BOE meeting

During the Elba BOE meeting Tuesday, Jan. 17, three teachers were approved for TEAMS contract, made possible through the Teacher Excellence and Accountability for Mathematics and Science (TEAMS) Act. The teams act provides additional compensation to qualifying math and science teachers.

The teachers approved for TEAMS contracts were: Brian Weeks, Ronald Floyd, and Alyssa Spicer.

administrators and teachers at the schools immediately went to work to try and identify problem areas and ways to overcome them.

As the board meeting opened last Tuesday night, the room was filled with teachers, counselors,

administrators from both the elementary school and high school. These educators are all part of what the schools refer to as the ACAP Team.

ACAP, which stands for the Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program, is an

online assessment designed to provide students, parents, teachers, administrators, and Alabama residents with information regarding student progress towards mastery of the Alabama Course of Study Standards. The 2021-2022 school year was the first time the ACAP test had been used to score student assessment in the state.

In Alabama, students in third through eighth grade take the ACAP in reading and math.

"Both principals and teams can say, I have not come to an [ACAP team] meeting and told you what to do or what you need to bring," Moseley said as he addressed the team members present for last week's board meeting. "All I have said is we need to get some teams together and come talk to the board. They need to hear it from the ones who do it every day versus hearing it from one guy."

The superintendent further said to the teachers, "I am proud of the things you are doing, and I know the challenges you all face every day."

Moseley said there were so many factors that went into the first ACAP test results - COVID, when the first report cards go out, a new test. He said all these things happened within the timeframe being discussed.

First to present to the board was Elba High School principal Wynn Grimes. He said the Elba High School ACAP Team is comprised of the junior high teachers, the high school interventionist, and special education.



NEW DORSEY BUSINESS VENTURE...The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday afternoon, Jan. 19, for the new Dorsey Semi-Trailer Parts Store, a spin-off business of the Elba-based Dorsey manufacturing company. The new semi-trailer parts store will offer trailer parts for all kinds of semi-trailers, and the parts are universal to fit most all brands of semi-trailers. Dorsey Semi-Trailer auto parts is open online already, and the company will also have an on-site location at Dorsey Trailers. Company officials say the business will start up with 7-10 employees with expectations for growth. Those present for last week's ribbon cutting ceremony included (from left): Scott Maddox, Dorsey plant manager; Joseph Scott, Dorsey assistant vice president; Junior Miss Elba Destinee Tidwell; Elba City Clerk Sally Bane; Miss Elba Zalie McKelvy; Little Miss Elba Bella Bane; Bradley Bane, Dorsey vice president; Shawn Smith, Dorsey design/engineer; Trey Gary, Dorsey president; Christian Spahlinger, Dorsey Semi-Trailers Parts sales rep; April Miller, Dorsey Semi-Trailers Parts sales rep; Sandy Williams, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Elba Mayor Tom Maddox; Phil Smitley, Dorsey CFO; David Dorsey, Dorsey Semi-Trailers Parts sales rep; Rene Lambert, Elba Chamber board member; Tom Butler, Dorsey shipping/receiving; Sandra Berry, administrative assistant to Mayor Maddox; and Joey Daniels, Elba Chamber board member.

Area Happenings

The January 2023 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, Jan. 26, at 6 p.m., at the New Brockton Senior Center. The meal and fellowship will begin at 6 followed by the business meeting at 7 p.m. For further information, contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

The Brundidge Historical Society presents its 2023 Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival featuring Donald Davis, Tim Lowry, Barbara McBride-Smith and Bill Lepp on Friday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m., at the We Piddle Around Theatre in Brundidge [Cost is \$25 and includes meal and stories]; and Saturday, Jan. 28, at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., at the Trojan Center Theatre on the campus of Troy University in Troy, Ala. [Cost for the Saturday performances will be \$10 for the 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. shows and \$15 for the 2:30 p.m. show]. Call (334) 685-5525, (334) 808-4237, or (334) 670-6302 for tickets; or tickets will be available at the door for the Saturday performances.

The Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Church on Boll Weevil Circle, located at 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Call 334-447-2252 for more information.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Setting a good example for children takes all the fun out of middle age." – William Feather

It was interesting to see Elba's Dr. Henry Terry being honored in Enterprise recently. Henry showed signs of greatness as a teenager growing up in Elba. He fulfilled those expectations – and exceeded them. He is a legend with his music and the students he inspired to develop their own musical talents. Some years ago, he brought a group of talented Montgomery students to Elba, and they sang to a packed house at the Elba United Methodist Church. No one left the event disappointed that day.

The incidents of mass killings continue in America. California has had three within a week. Experts are struggling to figure out the cause(s) for these tragic happenings but so far have a multitude of possible common triggers for the shootings. Mental illnesses get a high probability count, as does mad co-workers (or former employees). But that is just some of the probable causes. The idea of getting guns off the streets, which sounds noble, would have about as much success as all the laws that have been passed to control the illegal drug sale and usage.

The stories about National secret documents being found in private homes and/or offices continues and is still disgusting to us. Two presidents are guilty of this. Donald Trump is defiant and claiming to be legally allowed to have them even though he is out of office. Joe Biden is still in office and authorized to have them, but acts surprised that they were found in his private office, etc. Neither of them is clean in this matter, and we would be curious to hear either of them give an honest answer as to 'WHY' these papers were taken from secure government offices in the first place?

We try to practice what we preach and last week got the latest COVID booster shot. Thus far we have had no side effects at all from the needle(s) when getting the COVID shot, in fact this time the next morning standing in the shower we were puzzled at feeling something on the left arm and then remembering the shot the afternoon before and the little band-aid that was put on after the shot. We assume it is there to catch any drops of blood that might follow an injection from a needle. Next time we get a shot we will just ask 'WHY'!

There was a headline in the news recently indicating that Alabama's new U. S. Senator Katie Britt was attempting to tackle the ongoing immigration issue in America. We doubt she has yet found a solution that will work, however, she should be saluted for trying. The country is torn between the motto on the Statue of Liberty about 'give us your tired and poor' and the massive surge of immigrants pouring into the country at the southern border and via less-than-sea-worthy boats into South Florida.

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters (the newest one)!

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ALEA joins national campaign to empower passengers to take responsibility for their own safety in vehicles

Passengers accounted for 62 percent of traffic fatalities nationwide in 2019, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. It's imperative that passengers take responsibility for their own safety, in conjunction with being aware of how to avoid dangerous situations as a passenger.

That's why the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) is participating in

National Passenger Safety Week, which began Sunday, Jan. 22, and runs through Saturday, Jan. 28.

"Passengers have the ability to keep themselves safe, and it begins with always making the decision to buckle up. Seat belts save lives," ALEA's Secretary Hal Taylor said. "This week is dedicated to empowering individuals to take a proactive and

intentional approach to passenger safety. Sadly, there have been countless lives lost in traffic crashes that were completely preventable. Bringing awareness to passenger safety is truly the principal reason our Agency supports this important initiative. Passengers should never get into a vehicle with an impaired driver, and they should remember they always have a choice and the ability to discourage such dangerous driving behaviors as texting, speeding and even driving while drowsy."

National Passenger Safety Week was launched last January by We Save Lives and The National Road Safety Foundation, two non-profits that focus on crash prevention and saving lives. ALEA is joining more than 60 traffic safety and advocacy groups nationwide who are helping encourage and empower passengers to take responsibility for their own safety.

This initiative includes a nationwide media blitz campaign, social media outreach and involvement from groups including the

Governors Highway Safety Association, (GHSA), which represents traffic safety offices in all 50 states, the National Safety Council- (NSC) and Students Against Destructive Decisions, (SADD) with more than 400,000 student members.

Michelle Anderson, Director of Operations at the National Road Safety Foundation said, "Much of being a safe driver comes from education."

The foundation is a non-profit founded 60 years ago to promote safe driving behaviors through education.

"When people are knowledgeable about driving risks like impairment, speed, aggression and drowsiness, there's a better chance they will avoid taking those risks or letting others do so. The National Passenger Safety Campaign educates and empowers passengers about how they can save lives by calling out unsafe driving in the vehicle before crashes happen," she said.

We Save Lives, found-

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, and Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Jan. 17 – Animal complaint reported on Thomas St (9:29 a.m.); Drug activity reported on Hickman Ave (9:36 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 219 Taylor Ave – w/impound (10:07 a.m.); Non-emergent fire service call at 2813 Hickman Ave (1:24 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Hwy 84 – w/impound (2:11 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Caroline St (2:43 p.m.); Disorderly person reported at 632 N Claxton Ave (4:55 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Neil Grantham Dr (6:18 p.m.); Animal bites reported at 891 Cedar Lane Dr (6:28 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and Hwy 87 (11:16 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, one citation, and two verbal warnings.

Wednesday, Jan. 18 – Burglary reported at 987 Hwy 203 (8:08 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 716 Williams Ave – w/impound (8:39 a.m.); Burglary reported at 339 Old Samson Rd (9:28 a.m.); Harassment reported at 200 Buford St (10:14 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at Adkinson Ave and Martin Luther King Dr (12:00 p.m.); Harassment reported at 200 Buford St (4:43 p.m.); Harassment reported at 181 Virgil Coleman Dr – w/arrest (5:31 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1248 Ann St (6:35 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1619 Caroline St (7:22 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported on Taylor Mill Rd (7:23 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 19778 Hwy 87 (8:24 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Thursday, Jan. 19 – No Report received for this

date.

Friday, Jan. 20 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 413 Adkinson Ave (1:34 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1525 Jones St (8:16 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 335 Brunson Circle (10:25 a.m.); Grass fire reported at 14411 Hwy 87 (12:31 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 406 Moore Ave (1:40 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 613 Lee St – w/impound (1:48 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1053 Sunset Blvd (2:33 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 200 Buford St (3:48 p.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported at 991 Hwy 203 (11:46 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, two citations, and one advice given.

Saturday, Jan. 21 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 221 E Davis St (12:58 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1798 Highland Dr (7:34 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1050 Neil Grantham Dr (11:12 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 990 Hwy 203 – w/arrest (4:58 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 312 N Claxton Ave (6:54 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 2992 Hwy 84 – w/verbal warning (7:15 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (8:49 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 3008 County Rd 364 (10:09 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in one advice given, one verbal warning, and four citations.

Sunday, Jan. 22 – Stolen vehicle reported at 626 Reynolds Ave (1:20 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 712 Troy Hwy (12:53 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 884 Cedar Lane Dr – w/arrest (3:05 p.m.).

Monday, Jan. 23 – Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and Hwy 125 (6:12 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 971 Smith Ave (10:45 a.m.); Animal complaint reported to Elba Police (1:29 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1691 Claxton Ave N (1:43 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1404 Reese Ave (3:01 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at Farris Ave and Kendrick St (5:19 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 203 (6:53 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 1229 Caroline St (9:36 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister ventured out to get breakfast at a nearby restaurant last Saturday morning, and Lou Lou convinced Sister to ride with her in Lou 2 for the adventure.

Lou Lou and Papa have been working to make some modifications to Lou 2 recently, including lowering the Jeep to better suit Lou Lou's shortness. There still remains a lift kit to be removed to get Lou 2 to the optimal height for Lou Lou, but a recent change in wheels and tires lowered it a bit. Also, Papa assisted Lou Lou in installing new seat belts recently.

Sister had not ridden in Lou 2 since these modifications had been made, and Lou Lou was convinced that Sister would appreciate and enjoy the changes. Sister has not been a fan of Lou 2's height...she has said it makes it too difficult, even with step bars, to get in and out of the jeep.

As for the seat belts...well, the old ones did not work well anymore, and often caused anyone using them to lose control of his or her tongue. So, it was a must to get those corrected before someone needed to spend some time at the altar.

The two get headed down the roadway, and Lou Lou asks Sister what she thinks about the changes.

"They're okay," was the less than excited response.

Lou Lou could not believe it! She still had not managed to impress Sister with improvements to Lou 2; however, Sister did admit that the new tires seemed

to create a quieter ride on the road.

Small victory! Well...not quite.

Sister followed that statement up with... "Of course, it is never really going to be quiet with this soft top."

One step forward for Lou Lou and then two steps back. She decided to change the subject to something else for the remainder of the ride, but that also backfired on her quickly as Sister noticed the gas gauge was indicating low fuel.

Oh boy! That set her off!!

"I can't believe you've got me out here riding this thing, and the gas is almost out!" she exclaimed to Lou Lou! "I can tell you right now, if it runs out of gas, you will be doing the walking, not me!"

"Calm down!" Lou Lou insisted. "I plan to get some gas just as soon as we get there."

"Well...you knew it was low on gas when we left the house. One of these days you are going to be stranded on the side of the road for not getting gas when you should!"

That is a lecture Lou Lou is used to receiving from Sister, and her response is always the same... "I know my vehicle. We are good."

Of course, the response only infuriates Sister even more. Lou Lou enjoys aggravating her, which is why she drove by two more gas stations on the way to the restaurant without stopping. Each time, Sister made a disgusted remark.

When Lou Lou turned Lou 2 into the restaurant's parking lot, Sister exclaimed, "What are you doing? I thought we were getting gas first!"

"Nah. We are going to eat first, and then I will go get gas," Lou Lou replied.

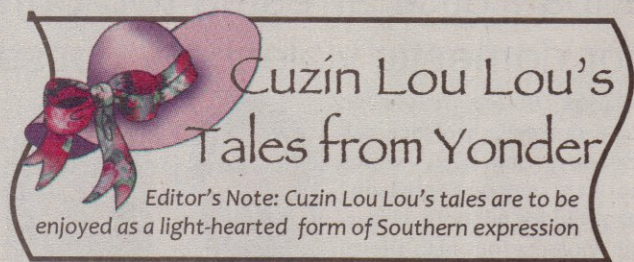
"I cannot deal with you," Sister said.

Some bacon and eggs helped calm Sister's hangry moment, and the next stop after breakfast was indeed the gas station. Lou Lou filled Lou 2 up with her get up and go juice, and all was back to normal.

Well...at least for that moment. It may be a while again before Lou Lou convinces Sister to take a ride in Lou 2.

She really does love the 'ole girl. She just doesn't want to admit it.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!



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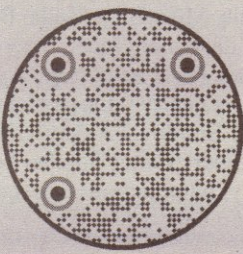
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GIDDY-UP!

Little Miss Zion Chapel Bella Boutwell is shown (at the right) sitting on the mechanical horse located inside the Elba Public Library. It costs only 50 cents to ride the horse, and Elba Public Library director Jennifer Amlong said all proceeds collected from the 'horse rides' will be used to help assist with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Coffee County. The Elba Public Library recently became a partner bringing the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to youngsters in west Coffee County. Through this program, \$26 helps support a year of books for one child. For more information, contact the Elba Public Library.



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tion representative.

"We think we can accomplish a great deal [with this team]," Grimes said.

Currently, the high school has a 68 [D] on its state report card from last year's ACAP test. Grimes said that is definitely not where the school wants to be, but efforts are being made daily to overcome that score. The test was taken last March, and the scores were released in November.

"We would like to see students demonstrate growth in areas of mathematics and reading skills, see our attendance rate increase, along with seeing improvements with student experience, positive motivation, and morale," Grimes said. "I told the group that last year, as principal, I did a poor job of getting our students motivated for the test. That is something we are really focusing on now."

He said there is a push at the school for students to be there for their tests and do their best when taking the tests. In return, he said the school is looking at different incentives to provide the students for their achievements.

Grimes said COVID-19 certainly and virtual learning that it forced certainly affected the students within the Elba City School System. He said virtual learning was not nearly as effective in educating the students as an in-person learning environment.

"COVID hurt school systems in different ways, and we are still seeing some effects of it here," Grimes said. "But, we are working through it and things are getting better."

Another thing Grimes said the high school ACAP team identified as a factor that negatively affected the junior high students in taking the ACAP test was the block schedule the 7th and 8th grade classes were still prior to the test. He said a state assessment team came in for some monitoring and said Elba probably had the only middle school still on the block schedule due to the ACAP test and recommended a change there.

"I said, 'dummy me...that makes sense,'" Grimes said. "So we made that change, and now students are on a period schedule instead of block schedule. That allows them to have math and reading year-round instead of just half the school year."

He said the students still received a full year's instruction of the subjects on the block schedule, but the instruction was being

delivered in half a year rather than year-long due to longer class times. On the period schedule, the subject material is stretched out over the entire school year, keeping the studies fresh in the minds of the students.

"We think making the change to the class schedule will help us a lot," Grimes said.

Another factor to be considered with last year's test scores is that it was a new test structure, according to Grimes.

"This was the first year for ACAP, which was all on the computer," he said. "Up until then, we had been used to testing with paper and pencil."

Also, he said there were new standards in ELA [English, Language, Arts] for the test, and the school had inconsistency in its math instruction last year.

"We hired a math teacher, and she resigned a month and a half into the job," Grimes said. "Then, we basically had a substitute in that position the rest of the year."

Looking forward, Grimes said he and the high school ACAP team believe student motivation is really going to make a positive impact on future testing for the school. "This is something we feel is going to help us a lot, and we are seeing it already with our diagnostic testing," he said. "We are consistently working towards our goals to achieve student growth, and utilizing the I-Ready program is helping."

i-Ready® is a web-based adaptive diagnostic assessment and instruction program that assesses students' skills, prescribing differentiated common core instruction so learners of all abilities can achieve success.

"Utilizing i-Ready provides individualized pathways for our students based on their scores," Grimes said. "We are seeing the positive results from it already."

Students were assessed with the i-Ready test in August when the new school year began, and they were assessed again this month [January]. Grimes said the students tested at the high school demonstrated a 59 percent growth in math from August to January, and they demonstrated a 61 percent growth in ELA skills from August to January with the i-Ready diagnostic assessment.

"You can see, we've had a pretty big jump," Grimes said. "You can see it is working. Those are pretty

big jumps, which makes us hopeful that when ACAP gets here in March that it too will show our growth."

Another thing implemented by the school system that Grimes said is really helping students is the intervention program. He said effectively using intervention gives students individual help that provides them the extra instruction they need to succeed. Also, he said executing cross-curricular activities helps students as well, and he said all the teachers at the high school are onboard to see that happen.

"This is my 28th year in education," Grimes said. "These teachers today go through a lot more than what I went through when I was a classroom teacher. It is a different challenge. We're striving, and they are doing everything they can to improve on the junior high hall. Our senior high hall is working on improving our ACT scores for those students as well."

***Editor's Note: This is the first part of a three-part series focusing on the presentations made at the Tuesday, Jan. 17, Elba City Schools Board of Education meeting. Next week's story will focus on the elementary school presentation.*

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Burial Planning. While all members of the US Armed Forces are eligible for burial at a national cemetery, the VFW provides special planning services to members. The VFW helps members obtain benefits such as a presidential certificate, American flag, perpetual care, and an official US Armed Forces headstone. Many of these services must be requested in advance, and the VFW can help file the necessary paperwork. The VFW can also help surviving family members receive benefits if they are eligible.

Benefit Assistance. The VA system can be difficult to navigate, so the VFW provides services to support members and surviving family members. The VFW can help veterans and families file forms and determine which financial benefits spouses and dependents are eligible for. In the event that a benefit claim is denied, the VFW provides free administrative assistance to members.

Appeal Assistance. The VFW can also request appeal hearings with the VA and the Board of Veterans Appeals. VFW service officers are familiar with current legislation and can help survivors file government forms and appeal death benefits for which they are eligible.

If you are an eligible military service veteran and not currently a VFW member, you can join by visiting vfw.org/join today.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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Obituaries

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ETHEL JEANNE GULLEY

Ms. Ethel Jeanne Gulley, age 64, of New Brockton,



Ala., died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, at her home. Memorial services were held Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023, at 11 a.m., at Covenant Community Church in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Paul Jackson and Rory Vignola officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing. Visitation was at Covenant Community Church on Wednesday, from 10-11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a Mental Health Disorder Organization or a Suicide Prevention Organization of your choice.

Ms. Gulley was preceded in death by her daughter, Erin Fuller; father, Hugh B. White; and mother, Hazel O. Oaks.

Survivors include her son: Rory (Kadra) Vignola, Elba; granddaughters: Adela Erin Vignola, Elba, Avry Fuller, Enterprise, Ala.; and grandson: Elliot Fuller, Huntsville, Ala.

JL JOHNSON

Mr. JL "Big Daddy" Johnson, age 87, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, at his residence



surrounded by his family. JL was born April 21, 1935, in Alabama to the late Mattie Lou Johnson. He served his country in the Army National Guard and would go on to retire after 40 years of service at Fort Rucker, Ala.

In his younger years he worked at Birmingham Brick Company manufacturing block. Over the course of his career, he would serve twice in the same three job capacities. In addition to work-

ing at Fort Rucker, JL also worked at Dorsey Trailer in Elba, as well as Boland Homes.

He also owned and operated several chicken houses, which kept him and his children busy.

JL served as a deacon at Woodland Grove Baptist Church since 1969.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 23, at Woodland Grove Baptist Church Family Life Center with Rev. Ken English and Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Sorrells Funeral Home & Crematory of Enterprise directing.

Memorial donations may be made to the Woodland Grove Baptist Church Cemetery Fund at 164 County Road 235 Elba, Alabama 36323

In addition to his mom, one son, Van Johnson, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years: Nellie Johnson; his children: Greg Johnson (Tracy), Enterprise, Glen Johnson (Kerry), Bob Johnson (Tara), Jason Johnson (Shelia), Susan Hudson (Troy), Wesley Johnson (Brandi), all of Elba; grandchildren: Ryan Johnson, Austin Johnson (Madison), Chance Johnson (Hannah Hughes), Taylor Wright (Winston), Blake Johnson, Blaine Hudson, Byron Johnson, Jace Hudson, Brayden Johnson, Brady Johnson, Cole Johnson, Shaylee Johnson, Marigrace Johnson; and great-grandchild: Klayten Caroline Johnson; as well as many more loving family members and friends.

Local students make Dean's List at WCC

The Dean's List at Wallace Community College - Dothan is compiled at the end of each semester.

Students named to the Dean's list must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of college level coursework with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Local students making the most recent Dean's List included: Hannah Boutwell, and Karrie Jinright, of Jack, Ala.; Tatum Griggs, Trevon Jacobson, and Taylor Williams, all of New Brockton, Ala.

JUDITH NORENE REEVES

Mrs. Judith Norene Reeves, age 84, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, at her residence.

Judith was born Jan. 21, 1938, to the late Gene and Lovie Barbaree Brewer. She was a talented seamstress who loved making clothes for herself and her granddaughter.

A visitation will be held Thursday, Jan. 26, at the



Chapel of Sorrells Funeral Home, Enterprise, Ala., from 6-8 p.m. Funeral services will be Friday, Jan. 27, at 11 a.m., at Fairview Baptist Church with Rev. Bryan Sawyer officiating. Burial will follow at the church cemetery with Sorrells Funeral Home & Crematory of Enterprise directing.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 3052 Highway 87, Samson, AL 36477.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by husband of 60 years, Euvhon Reeves, three brothers, and four sisters.

Survivors include her children: Obie Gene Reeves (Joy Angela), Kinston, Ala., Drew Vaughn Reeves (Sherry), Colorado, and Toby Dean Reeves (Anita), Huntsville, Ala.; grandchildren: Renee Reeves, Andrew Reeves, and Ethan Reeves (Caitlyn); brother: Gibson Brewer (Patti), Michigan; sister: Ann Liedel, Michigan; sister-in-law: June Kelley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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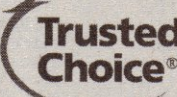
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ed by in 2014 by Candace Lightner, is an umbrella organization of more than 50 highway safety advocates, law enforcement agencies, companies, local, state, national and international organizations, victims/survivor groups, and others who want to stop the carnage on the nation's highways. They have launched a number of campaigns to change driving behaviors, with National Passenger Safety Week being their latest.

The National Road Safety Foundation produces free videos and teaching materi-

als on distracted driving, speed and aggression, impaired driving, drowsy driving, driver proficiency, pedestrian safety and a host of other safety issues. It also sponsors contests to engage teens in promoting safe driving to their peers and in their communities, partnering nationally with youth advocacy groups including SADD and Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCLCA).

Visit www.nationalpassengersafety.org for more information and tips on passenger safety.

CHURCH & LOCAL NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Steve Reneau, Pastor

Elba United Methodist Church

"The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down." - Psalm 145:13-14

We can find comfort and strength in the faithfulness of God. In a world filled with uncertainty and change, God's faithfulness is a constant and unchanging force. God is always true to these promises and always loving towards this good creation.

In times of hardship and struggle, we may feel as though we are falling, knocked down, alone, and unable to get back up. Yet, the Lord promises to uphold all who fall. God promises to lift up those who are bowed down. The notion of being bowed down is important. We get knocked down in our lives, but God lifts up those who humble themselves, seek repentance, and bow down. We can trust in this faithfulness to carry us through any trial.

A hymn lyric that is constantly with me comes from "Great is Thy Faithfulness". Found in the final verse it says, "Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow". It is a pray for God to give me strength in this day in all that I may facing, but the second part is for me. It reminds me of the bright hope that is coming, no matter where I am now. For we know how God has promised this story will end. We know that there is coming a day of final victory and salvation; this is our bright hope for tomorrow.

In the good times and the bad, God's faithfulness remains unchanged. God is always there for us, a rock to lean on and a guide to follow. Let us have faith in this faithfulness and trust in these promises.

In everything we do and every situation we face, let us remember that God is faithful and God will never leave us nor forsake us. Amen.

Seniors age 60 and older encouraged to get active with Elba Senior Center

Seniors age 60 and older are encouraged to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

Along with nutritious meals five days a week, the director works with seniors to help them apply for several programs they may qualify, including Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. Seniors must be an active participant at the Elba Senior center for the director to sign them up

for the qualifying programs.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. This is a social place to come have fun and find or make new friends. If interested in joining the center stop by or call (334) 897-3019. The center is located at 304 N. Factory Ave. (across from the Elba Police Department).

Seniors age 60 and older that cannot come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to their home.

For questions, call center director Donna Falls at (334) 897-3019.

Family and Friends Day set for Jan. 29 at Greater New Zion MBC

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church invites local citizens and their visitors to Family and Friends Day planned for Sunday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Elba native Rev. Marvin Dale Luckett Jr.

The church is located at 720 E Davis Street, Elba. Open to all.

Elba UMC invites all ladies to join in Ladies Brunch and Retreat set for Saturday, Feb. 4, at the church

Elba United Methodist Church invites all ladies to join in a Ladies Brunch and Retreat on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Activities will begin at the church's fellowship hall where brunch will be provided. After brunch, all will move to the church sanctuary for a time of music followed by retired Methodist minister and Elba native Beth Proctor Murchison

sharing her faith.

The ladies of Elba United Methodist Church are praying for and planning for a memorable and inspiring time. Call or text Jean Helms at (334) 406-0692 to reserve a spot in this community event.

Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: Bless the Lord, O My Soul! Psalm 104:1-2

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Mary Sue Dawson, Charolette Flowers, Patrice Duncan, Theresa Irizarry, Michael Manning, Corene Daniels, Robert Reynolds, Bettye Refreege, Inez Belcher Long

February Birthdays / Anniversaries

Dr. Irma Townsend 2/10
Rev. Willie White 2/10
Eula Brooks 2/10
Joseph Rodgers 2/10
Lonzo Cooks 2/11
Trenton Hamilton 2/11
Wiley Brooks 2/12
Glavene Jones 2/12 (in memory)
Jackie Brunson Crittenden 2/13
Danae Ware 2/13
Regina Kelley Kyles 2/13
Tom and Linda Hooks 2/13
W.A.
Sharon Williams 2/14

Church on Fire

In June of 1990, fire ravaged a church building in Burlingame, California, doing a million dollars worth of damage. Eventually, the minister of the congregation admitted to pouring gasoline on the building and lighting it. He said that he wanted to collect the insurance money so that his church could update the fifty-five-year-old structure.

The minister claimed that he didn't mean to burn down the entire building; his plan simply got out of hand. In fact, one of his fellow ministers came to his defense, describing him as "a very dedicated man... a real man of God with a genuine concern." Maybe this just goes to show that having a "genuine concern" for others is not all that is required to be a leader of God's people. A sense of integrity would also help! Of course, there are many

ministers who would like to "set the church on fire" - in a spiritual sense. Those who are most successful at this follow the example of Philip: they proclaim Christ faithfully and watch the gospel bear fruit in the lives of individuals who commit themselves to Christ. In every time and place the transformation that occurs in those who accept Christ proves that God is still creating spectacular changes in human beings through those who are "on fire" for Him. - C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 1/26/23 Multiple Choice

Q: Who ate the shewbread intended only for the priest?

(Joshua, Saul, David)

A: David [Matthew 12: 3,4]

Q: The rich man wanted Lazarus to warn whom?

(his wife, friends, brothers)

A: His brothers [Luke 16: 27, 28]

Q: How many elders are seated around the throne of God? (4, 12, 24)

A: 24 [Revelation 4:4]

Thought to Remember

Reflect on the past but pray for the future.

Questions for the Week of 2/2/23

Fill in the Blanks

Q: In one of Jesus' parables, a mans

sowed tares (weeds) in the wheat.

Q: Jesus said His listeners would see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all

_____ in the Kingdom of God.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

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For further information or to purchase a license, please contact Sandra Berry at (334) 897-2333.

City of Elba, AL
Sally Bane, City Clerk

Church Directory

<p>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH Rockey Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala. Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Harry Driggers, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Sam Self, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHEL AME CHURCH Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH Greg Cotter, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Remonia Smith, Pastor Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Paul Jackson, Pastor Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" 5:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>EAON BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Phillip Box, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD David Noble, Pastor Sunday School... 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Kit Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Steve Reneau, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Services... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Adeock, Pastor Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Overseers - Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>GRACE FELLOWSHIP John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays</p> <p>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>HOLY TEMPLE COGIC OF GOD Glenwood, AL Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>INO BAPTIST CHURCH Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School... 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIVING WORD CHURCH Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays</p> <p>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Dewey Emfinger, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Olan Strickland, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Loreal Flowers, Minister Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Julian Mitchell, Pastor 1st... 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lee Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON Terry McCraumen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>PRATISE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER Roy L. Turner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHADY GROVE AME James Boots, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill Sunday School... 12 noon Even. Service... 7:00 p.m. Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m. Wed Bible Class... 7:00 p.m. Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba Max Reed, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH C.P. Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Shayne Allen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORY TABERNACLE Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Dustin Wiscarver, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Cary Maulden, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>
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SAFETY FIRST - ALDOR plays an important role in preventing state revenue and taxpayer money from ending up in the wrong hands. Fraud detection reviews, accuracy checks, and matching against employer W2s does require a little extra time, but it helps ensure that taxpayers get their money rather than fraudsters.

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A Tax Computation Change letter that provides an explanation of changes that were made to the tax return.

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IN RE: The Estate of CHERYL ELIZABETH NICHOLS
Deceased

CASE NO: PC2023-001

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to Ann T. Nichols and Carol Nichols Mashburn, as Co-Executrixes of the Estate of Cheryl Elizabeth Nichols, deceased, on the 10th day of January, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

s/s Gypsy Morrow Smith
Gypsy Morrow Smith (MOR100)
Attorney for Co-Executrixes
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Andalusia, Alabama 36420
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SECTION 00020

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba, Alabama will receive bids for the Modernization of Public Housing Sites AL107-5, IX and AL107-6, VIII, AL09-P107-501-22 until 2:00 p.m., (Central Time) on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at the central office of the Authority, 1207 N. Claxton Avenue, Elba,

Alabama 36323 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of furnishing all plant, labor, materials, equipment and all services and performing and coordinating all operations for the Modernization of Public Housing Sites AL107-5, IX and AL107-6, VIII, HUD Modernization Number AL09-P107-501-22. The Work of the base bid shall include, but is not necessarily limited to the replacement of HVAC units and work incidental thereunto. Attention and reference is directed to the General Notes of the drawings.

Contract documents, including drawings and technical specifications, are on file at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Elba, 1207 N. Claxton Avenue, Elba, Alabama 36323 and The Architectural Office of William J. Peek, 908 S. Hull St., Suite 210, Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Copies of contract documents may be obtained by depositing \$200.00 with The Architectural Office of William J. Peek for each set of documents so obtained. Each such deposit will be refunded if the drawings and specifications are returned in good condition within ten days after bid opening

Plans and specifications will be issued only to qualified contractors licensed by the State Licensing Board of General Contractors of Alabama as required by Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended. Only bids of such contractors who are duly licensed will be considered. Current license number must be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid WILL NOT be accepted.

Bidders are requested to inspect the property and the buildings themselves, as well as operations and conditions that may be affected. A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the Housing Authority of the City of Elba or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and an acceptable surety company in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid. Acceptable Surety Companies are listed in the current issue of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Circular 570.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the mini-

mum salaries and wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project, and that the contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Contractors are reminded that in accordance with State Law, Alabama General Contractor's licensing number shall be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid will not be accepted.

Each bid must include the Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders, 1992 Edition, Non-Collusive Affidavit and the Previous Participation Certificate signed by the bidder and on the correct HUD forms

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the Housing Authority of the City of Elba for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing them and investigating the qualifications of the bidders, prior to awarding the contract.

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba
By: Laurie Chapman
Title: Executive Director
1/26,2/2,9,16-chg

NOTICE

The Evergreen Cemetery Board of Directors is currently seeking bids for the lawn care and maintenance for the upcoming 2023 mowing season. All interested contractors are encouraged to go by the Elba City Hall to pick up a packet containing information and requirements to successfully submit a bid for this annual contract. All Bids are required to be turned in to Elba City Hall no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, February 24, 2023. The Evergreen Cemetery Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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In accordance with Alabama Code 32 Section 32-13-1 the following vehicle will be sold at auction on February 23, 2023 at 8:00 am at, 9542 Highway 125 Elba AL, 36320 2006 Honda Accord VIN #1HGCM56846A131304

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THE ELBA CLIPPER

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I helped our grandson Lawson with his homework one afternoon last week and since it didn't include math I think I did pretty good. We took turns reading news articles in his weekly reader, which has apparently taken the place of a science class, and then discussed what we had read to make sure he understood subjects like 'forensic pathology.' I know it was 57 years ago when I was in the sixth grade, but I don't think I took that course.

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Tigers bounced back from a pair of lopsided area losses on the road to clobber Pike Liberal Arts last week as the Tigers chalked up their 13th win of the season. The road wasn't nice to the team early in the week as they were blown out by both Kinston and Florala, but they got to enjoy their home court on Friday night and celebrated with a big win to snap the losing streak. It is easy to see that the Tigers win when they can run and gun on offense and are quicker than their opponents, but often times have a hard time keeping it close when those factors don't exist. With two weeks left on the schedule, maybe Elba can keep adding wins to their total and set the tone for years to come.

The Elba Lady Tigers won all three games last week to up their record to 16-5 and continued to look like a heavy favorite to win the area and a team that can go ahead and make reservations for a trip to Montgomery and the region tournament. Elba plays aggressive on defense and runs up and down the court on offense, and since a slow start has really taken off and garnered statewide attention. When the scoreboard reads 0-0 every time a game starts anything can happen, but if the Elba girls keep improving down the stretch they will be hard to beat and could take their fans on another long ride.

The unsung heroes of the basketball season have to be the Elba Tiger junior varsity. The Tigers have raced out to a 13-1 record in what was supposed to be a possible down season and have improved almost daily as the season has rolled along. Back before the season started the coach wasn't even sure he would have enough players to field a team every night out, but pieced the team together and the results have been a bucket filled with wins. If these players stick with it and dedicate themselves to the sport the future of basketball could be bright at Elba High.

*** The basketball season was busy last week with all the teams in the area staying on the court. In boys action, Brantley continued to be impressive with a couple of big wins and looks destined to make a return trip to the 'Final Four,' while New Brockton began to jell and all of the sudden looks like a team to keep an eye on, Kinston continued to make it clear it fears no one and looks like a possible spoiler, and Zion Chapel just kept on playing hard and winning games it wasn't supposed to win against quality opponents. Over with the girls, Zion Chapel won two straight games a long winless streak and proved that hard work does pay off, while Kinston showed it is vastly improved and may have a few surprises up its sleeves, New Brockton continued to battle every time it took the court and is getting better and better, and Brantley began to look like Lady Bulldog teams of the past and let everyone know it is alive and well.

*** It has been a busy off-season for high school football coaches across the state with a total of 44 head coaches packing their bags and 29 vacancies still open with just a couple of weeks left before the start of spring training. One interesting item came in the local 4A region, where the coaches moved from Geneva, Dale County and Slocumb all decided to move on. All three of the schools are in the same region with state champion Andalusia and high-scoring Montgomery Catholic, and one just has to wonder if the level of competition may have been just a little more than the coaches felt like they could overcome. As of this week there were still openings at Dale County, Ashford and Slocumb, while new coaches will be walking the sidelines next season at New Brockton, Geneva, Pike Liberal Arts, Hillcrest Evergreen, Opp and Rehobeth. Former Elba Tiger head coach Mack Wood told me years ago that young coaches need to buy a house trailer and a truck and be ready to move when the time is right. I guess that is still true today.

*** In closing.... The Coffee County Lake will re-open on Feb. 1 after being closed for two months and if the weather will cooperate it should give area anglers the chance to get outside and catch some fish. The state re-stocked the lake with several thousand catfish and bream during the closure, and since the 86-acre lake has always been one of the top bass lakes in the state's county system, it should once again be a popular place to be. Remember, the lake will be open on Wednesday through Sunday from sun'up until sundown, and seniors fish for free.

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Drop two area games

Tigers bounce back with 71-35 win

The Elba Tigers suffered a pair of area road losses early in the week to Kinston 69-44 and Florala 71-56 to watch their area title hopes vanish, but bounced back strong late in the week and pounded Pike Liberal Arts 71-35 to close the busy week on the court with a 13-11 record, 2-4 in area play.

Following is a recap of last week's basketball action:

Kinston 69 Elba 44

The Elba Tigers trailed by only four points at the half, but saw the wheels come off the wagon in the final two quarters in a 69-44 area loss to the Kinston Bulldogs.

Taylon Purvis nailed a pair of three-pointers and scored eight points in the second quarter as Elba matched the Bulldogs bucket-for-bucket and went in at intermission trailing only 27-23. The slim Bulldog lead quickly grew in the third quarter; however, as Kinston's Tripp Hawthorne poured in nine points to spark a 21-7 run that out the Bulldogs on top 48-30. Kinston enjoyed a parade to the free-throw line in the fourth quarter and connected on 11 of 13 shots to pull away and hand the Tigers the 69-44 defeat.

Taylon Purvis scored 13 points and Cody Gray added 10 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jacob Watkins 7, Alvin Henderson 5, Cayden Adkins 4, JT Coleman 3 and Brayden Johnson 2. Reece Hall scored 20 points to lead Kinston, while also scoring for the Bulldogs were Conner Tew 19, Tripp Hawthorne 15, Cale Sumblin 12 and Caden Calhoun 4.

Florala 71 Elba 56

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a 71-56 area loss to the Florala Wildcats.

Elba managed only three free throws in the first quarter as Florala raced out to an early 16-3 lead, and while Cayden Adkins did score four points in the second quarter, the Wildcats never slowed down and at intermission went in with a 36-16 advantage. Jacob Watkins and Jamal Siler sparked an Elba rally in the third quarter as the Tigers matched the Wildcats on the scoreboard, and while Alvin Henderson scored 10 points in the final stanza, it was too little, too late, as the Tigers dropped the 71-56 area contest.

Alvin Henderson scored 12 points and JT Coleman added 10 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jacob Watkins 8, Jamal Siler 6, Cayden Adkins 6, Cameron Gray 5, Ty Sieving 5, Cody Gray 2 and Brayden Johnson 2. Eric McMeans scored 19 points and Christian Greasham added 18 to lead the Wildcats.

Elba 71 Pike Lib 35

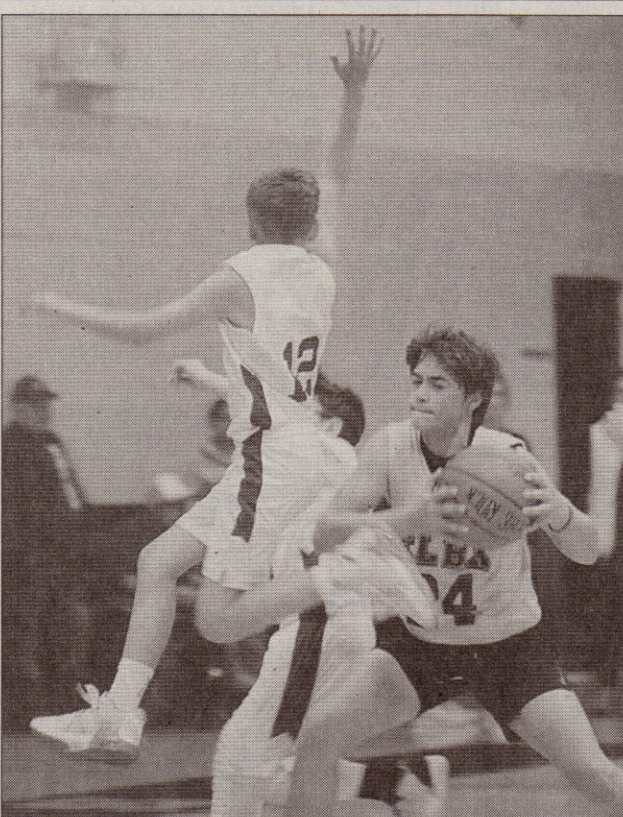
Elba's Taylon Purvis connected on four three-pointers in the opening quarter to get the Tigers off to a fast start and they never looked back to post a big 71-35 victory over the Pike Liberal Arts Patriots, Friday night at the Tiger gym.

The fast start by Purvis helped Elba erase an early 4-3 deficit and carry a 23-10 lead into the second quarter, while Alvin Henderson, JT Coleman and Jamal Siler all found their ways to the basket with ease in the second quarter as the Tigers went in at intermission with a solid 43-19 advantage. Elba's Cody Gray began to find his range in the third quarter and sparked an 11-2 run that stretched the Tigers lead to 54-23 with 4:31 left in the stanza, and the Tigers never slowed down as they ran away and claimed the big 71-35 home court win.

Taylon Purvis score 19 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Cody Gray 16, JT Coleman 10, Alvin Henderson 10, Jamal Siler 5, Ty Sieving 5, Cayden Adkins 4 and Jacob Watkins 2. Will Rice scored 13 points to lead the Patriots.

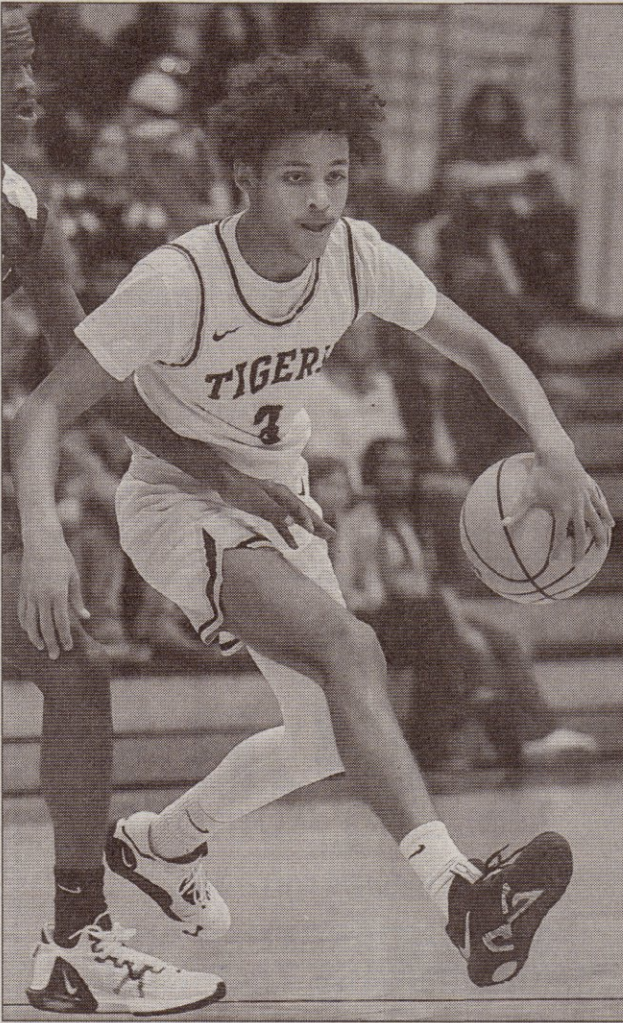
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REC LEAGUE BASKETBALL...Elba Parks and Recreation hosted Kinston last Saturday, Jan. 21, for boys and girls action in the 8U, 10U and 12U age divisions. The 8U games were held at the elementary gymnasium while the 10U and 12U games were held at the high school gymnasium. Above, Kinston's Parker Weeks (12) jumps to try and block a shot by Elba's Powell Bane (24) in the first of two 12U boys games. Also pictured for Kinston is Jackson Cowen (2). Elba and Kinston split the two 12U boys games with Kinston winning the first and Elba coming out on top in the second game.

Photo by Linda Hodge, Editor



Elba Tiger Cameron Gray (3) dribbles past a defender in recent area play.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Elba Tiger JV roll to three more big wins

The Elba Tigers continued their winning ways last week as they rolled to three big wins to push their season record to 14-1.

Following is a recap of last week's action:

Elba 54 Kinston 25

The Elba Tigers made it look easy in a 54-25 road win over the Kinston Bulldogs.

Javante Griggs scored 21 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Brady Johnson 9, Emmanuel Cooks 8, Cassidy Carpenter 4, Matthew McCart 3, Kalil Magwood 2 and Jordan Hammonds 2.

Elba 40 Florala 25

The Elba Tigers had to battle for all four quarters in a 40-25 road win over the Florala Wildcats.

Javante Griggs and Brady Johnson scored 12 points, apiece, to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Emmanuel Cooks 8, Matthew McCart 3, Kalil Magwood 2, Jordan Hammonds 2 and Cassidy Carpenter 1.

Elba 58 Pike Lib 37

The Elba Tigers pulled away in the second half to post a 58-37 win over the Pike Liberal Arts Patriots.

Emmanuel Cooks scored 16 points and Javante Griggs added 14 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Brady Johnson 10, Kalil Magwood 6, Cassidy Carpenter 5, Jordan Hammonds 4 and Matthew McCart 3.

Deer season picking up

By DAVID RAINER

Alabama Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources

For most of the state, Alabama deer hunters are in the midst of the peak hunting period when deer start moving with increased rutting activity.

Chris Cook, deer program coordinator with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division, says hunters need to spend as much time as possible in the woods for the rest of the season.

"If we get normal weather for the rest of the season, I suspect a lot of deer will be killed," Cook said. "In the southern part of the state, the rut is getting ready to start up. When you've got that going on and the weather is good, then hunters are going to be in the woods. Hunters are a lot more likely to stick it out and spend more time in the woods if the weather is in the 40s as opposed to the 70s or teens and it's not raining."

Cook said with the rut starting, the bucks are getting interested. This is the time to be out hunting if in the lower two-thirds of the state."

Cook added that hunting season didn't start particularly well because of the fall weather and an unusually cold spell at Christmas.

"That four or five days of freezing cold weather really put a hurting on everybody's food plots. Most people don't plant enough acreage to impact the carrying capacity or overall food supply for the deer herd, but it definitely could impact people's hunting success because a lot of people rely heavily on those food plots."

Most people plant to attract deer during hunting season, he said. For them, it's about finding the right location to allow access to the hunters.

"If they're planting food plots with the purpose of improving overall habitat quality, carrying capacity of the land and affecting deer health, then you're probably going to need at least 5% of the acreage in good quality food plots throughout the year," Cook said. "A bare minimum would be 2-3%. Most properties have 1% or less in food plots, especially leased land. If you're able to plant enough acreage, then the challenge is planting the right stuff for the deer to have something to eat year-round and not just during hunting season."

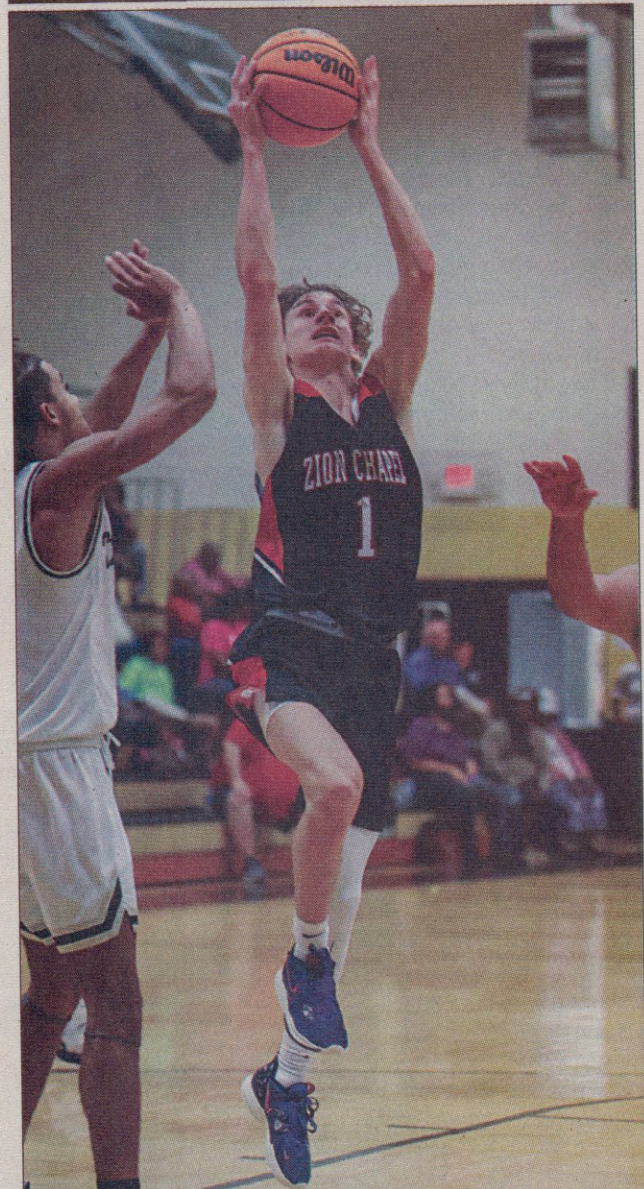
Alabama instituted a three-buck limit in 2007 during all combined seasons. One of the three must have at least four antler points 1 inch or longer on one antler (except for Barbour County where bucks must have a minimum of three points on one side). That buck limit and a movement toward quality deer management have shifted the attitude of many hunters toward a more selective harvest.

Cook also encourages deer hunters to take advantage of the self-service sampling locations with freezers where hunters can drop off their deer head to be sampled. Visit www.outdooralabama.com/cwd/cwd-sampling for an interactive map of freezer locations.

SPORTS NEWS

High School

ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP



Zion Chapel Rebel Slade Grantham (1) drives past a defender for an easy basket.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

BOYS:

Zion Chapel stuns Luverne 71-70

Zion Chapel's Layton Grantham scored with 17 seconds left in the game to lift the Rebels to a thrilling 71-70 area win over the Luverne Tigers. Slade Grantham poured in 30 points to lead the Rebels, while Joseph Legear added 13 and Jacob Chestnut scored 12 as Zion Chapel evened its area slate at 2-2. Jaden Harris led Luverne with 19 points.

New Brockton drops Daleville 39-36

The New Brockton Gamecocks scored the final nine points of the game to rally past the Daleville Warhawks 39-36. Anthony Silar scored 12 points as the Gamecocks upped their area record to 3-1, while Matthew Smith added 11 points and 8 steals and Karyus McNabb grabbed 14 rebounds. Moses McDowell scored 13 points and had 8 rebounds to lead Daleville.

Brantley Bulldogs down Kinston 57-52

The Brantley Bulldogs claimed an important 5-52 area win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Jayden Parks scored 22 points to lead Brantley, while Keldric Brown added 11 points and 10 rebounds as Brantley remained unbeaten in area play.

Gamecocks drop clash to Opp 70-54

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their area title hopes vanish in a 70-54 home court loss to the Opp Bobcats. Matthew Smith scored 17 points and handed out 5 assists to lead the Gamecocks, while Baylon Foster added 15 points and Anthony Silar scored 12 points and grabbed 7 rebounds. JaKanye Mount led the Bobcats with 19 points and 18 rebounds, while Terry Davis added 15 points.

Zion Chapel outscores Goshen 71-64

The Zion Chapel Rebels evened their record at 11-11 with an exciting 71-64 area win over the Goshen Eagles. Jacob Chestnut scored 26 points and Mason Stuart added 16 to lead Zion Chapel, while also scoring for the Rebels were Slade Grantham 14 and Layton Grantham 10. Makayel McBryde and Jayden McNabb both scored 15 points to lead the Eagles.

Kinston Bulldogs caged by Opp 57-48

The Kinston Bulldogs dropped a hard fought 57-48 loss to the Opp Bobcats. Cale Sumblin scored 12 points and Reece Hall added 11 to lead the Bulldogs, while Jabbari Hill scored 16 points and JaKelleus Lane added 14 to lead the Bobcats.

Bulldogs ground Squadron 67-59

The Brantley Bulldogs kept piling on the wins with a 67-59 victory over the Highland Home Flying Squadron. Keldric Brown scored 21 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs, while Jayden Parks added 20 points.

GIRLS:

Lady Gamecocks fall to Daleville 40-33

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks dropped a 40-33 area decision to the Daleville Lady Warhawks. Aniya Barkley scored 13 points and grabbed 17 rebounds to lead New Brockton, while Kiana Schmitz scored 10 points for Daleville.

Lady Rebels ripped by Luverne 64-24

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels were simply no match for the undefeated Luverne Lady Tigers and dropped a 64-24 area contest.

Lady Bulldogs clip Kinston 39-27

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs continued to roll past area challengers with a 39-27 win over Kinston. Coco Stamps scored 15 points and had 8 steals to lead Brantley, while Myia Mount scored 8 points and grabbed 24 rebounds.

Kaley Norris, Camdyn Norris and Lauren Norris all scored 5 points to lead Kinston.

New Brockton drops Opp 50-38

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks posted a big area win by running past the Opp Lady Bobcats 50-38. Ariana Smith scored 18 points to lead New Brockton, while also scoring for the Lady Gamecocks were Gabby Eubanks with 12 points and 12 rebounds, and Reese Eddins with 12 points. Vanessa Stoudemire scored 25 points to lead Opp.

Zion Chapel pops Pike Lib 42-19

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels got in the win column with a big 42-19 victory over the Pike Liberal Arts Lady Patriots. Meri Cason Prescott scored 12 points and Shea Wambles added 11 to lead the Lady Rebels to their first win of the season.

Lady Rebels knock off Goshen 39-37

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels posted their second win of the week with an exciting 39-37 area win over the Goshen Lady Eagles. Shea Wambles scored 15 points and Riley Bannin added 12 to lead the Lady Rebels.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs all to Opp 42-35

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs battled for all four quarters in a 42-35 loss to the Opp Lady Bobcats. Kaley Norris scored 13 points to lead Kinston, while Lauren Norris added 9 and Lilli Sumblin scored 6 points and pulled down 16 rebounds. Vanessa Stoudemire scored 16 points to lead the Lady Bobcats.



Zion Chapel Lady Rebel Madison Meeks (22) toes the free throw line in recent action.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Elba Parks and Recreation

Upcoming Youth Basketball Games:

8U Boys

Jan. 28 Elba vs Samson (Away) 9 & 10 a.m.

10U Boys

Jan. 26 Elba vs New Brockton (Home) 7 p.m.
Jan. 28 Elba vs Samson (Away) 12 & 2 p.m.

10U Girls

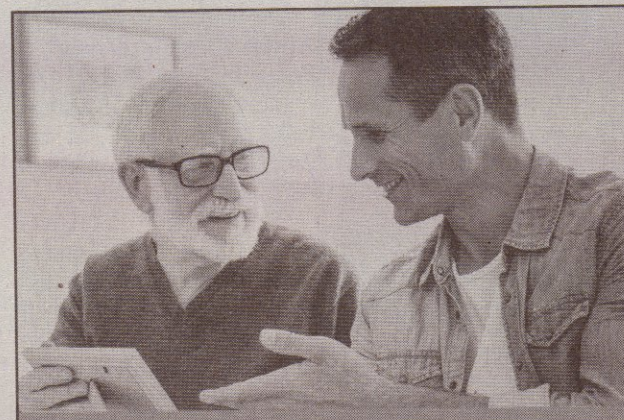
Jan. 28 Elba vs Samson (Away) 11 a.m.

12U Boys

Jan. 28 Elba vs Samson (Away) 3 p.m.
Feb. 4 Elba vs Daleville (Away) 1 p.m.

12U Girls

Jan. 26 Elba vs New Brockton (Home) 62 p.m.
Jan. 28 Elba vs Samson (Away) 1 p.m.
Jan. 30 Elba vs New Brockton (Away) 7:30 p.m.



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Elba Lady Tiger Tajah Purvis (3) gets inside the defense for an easy basket.

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Lady Tigers on a tear

The eighth-ranked Elba Lady Tigers continued their winning ways last week with three big wins as they improved their record to 16-5, 6-0 in area play.

Following is a recap of last week's action:

Elba 52 Kinston 45

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and held on late to claim a hard fought 52-45 area road win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs.

Elba's A'Lyric Whitfield and Kinston's Abbie Greene both scored five points in the opening quarter as the Lady Tigers nosed out front 10-9, while Lady Tigers Whitfield and Kendra Juarez combined for 11 points in the second quarter as Elba carried a 26-22 lead in at intermission. Elba's Tajah Purvis helped Elba extend its lead to 41-33 in the third quarter as it looked like the Lady Tigers would finally take command. However, the Lady Bulldogs battled until the final buzzer, only to connect on only 5 of 10 free throws in the quarter as Elba held on to post the 52-45 win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 20 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Kendra Juarez 8, Ny'Asia McCollough 8, Yada Caldwell 7, Tajah Purvis 6, Brooke Tinsley 2 and Ana Caldwell 2. Kaley Norris scored 23 points to lead Kinston, while also scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were Rachel Hall 6, Abbie Greene 5, Lilli Sumblin 4, Lauren Norris 3, Maggie Martin 2 and Triniti Carnley 2.

Elba 45 Florala 39

The Elba Lady Tigers used a big second quarter to pull ahead and survived late scare to remain unbeaten in area play with a 45-39 road win over the Florala Lady Cats.

The two area rivals were tied at 6-6 after the first quarter, but Brooke Tinsley and Yada Caldwell combined for 11 points in the second stanza to spark a 20-point explosion that pushed the Lady Tigers lead to 26-16 at the half. Elba carried a 34-25 lead into the final stanza and led by the play of A'Lyric Whitfield turned back a late Florala rally to escape with the win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 22 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Brooke Tinsley 6, Yada Caldwell 6, Alayvia Stinson 4, Ny'Asia McCollough 3, Tajah Purvis 2 and Ana Caldwell 2. Kyndra Anthony scored 19 points to lead Florala.

Elba 76 Pike Lib 18

The Elba Lady Tigers closed out the busy week on the court with a lopsided 76-18 win over the Pike Liberal Arts Lady Patriots, at a noisy Elba High gym.

Elba's A'Lyric Whitfield and Alayvia Stinson sparked an early 14-0 run that helped the Lady Tigers open up an 18-2 lead with 2:41 left in the first quarter, and when Yada Caldwell scored on a put back with two seconds left on the clock the lead was up to 26-4 heading into the second quarter. Pike Lib began to find its way to the goal in the second quarter, but Elba never slowed down and led by Whitfield went in at the half with a big 43-12 advantage. The action slowed in the third quarter as both teams went to their benches. However, the Lady Tigers put many of their starters back on the court in the final stanza and led by an 11-point outburst by A'Lyric Whitfield outscored the outmanned Lady Patriots 21-3 in the quarter to claim the 76-18 win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 28 points and Alayvia Stinson added 16 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Tajah Purvis 8, Yada Caldwell 8, Ayrika Caldwell 7, Ana Caldwell 3, Brooke Tinsley 2, Deedee Lockett 2 and Keelie Moseley 2. Rayleigh Carter scored 8 points to lead Pike Lib.

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LIFESTYLES



SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE ELBA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966 returned to gathering once per month for breakfast again earlier this week. Due to a short notice, the crowd was smaller than normal, but those who did make the gathering Tuesday morning, Jan. 24, enjoyed good food and fellowship at the newly re-opened Juliette's Restaurant, located across from the Dorsey Trailer manufacturing plant, in Elba. Those pictured above include: Harry Young, John Lawless, Jackey Tindol, Kenneth Baker, Jerome Blackmon, Neal Hutto, and Bobby Edmondson.

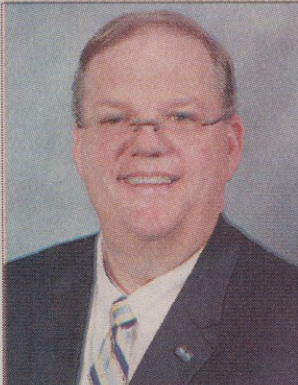
Coffee County native moves to new role serving Wiregrass farmers

Written by Marlee Moore

A familiar face for Wiregrass farmers will soon take on a new role in the Alabama Farmers Federation. Jacob Davis, who spent three years as Alabama Peanut Producers Association (APPA) executive director, starts as the Federation's Area 8 Organization director Feb. 6.

"I've enjoyed working with and for Alabama peanut farmers," Davis said. "And that's not going to change. Now, I'll just be working with more diverse commodities and more people. We're in the relationship business at the Alabama Farmers Federation. Meeting and serving our people well is what I enjoy."

As Area 8 director, Da-



Jacob Davis

vis will serve as a liaison between the Federation home office and farmers in Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike counties. He will join nine counterparts across the state visiting county leaders to build strong relationships; bringing county concerns to the state level; helping surface legislative candidates; strengthening the bond between Alfa Insurance and the Federation by delivering materials to service centers; and recruiting leaders for Young Farmers and Women's Leadership committees.

"Jacob is a long-time friend of the Federation,

and his specific skillset will be invaluable to farmers in Area 8," said Federation Organization Department Director Matthew Durdin. "He gets our people. We're excited to have Jacob join our team."

APPA is an affiliated organization of the Federation, and its director serves as a member of the Federation's Governmental & Agricultural Programs Department. During his tenure at APPA, Davis monitored federal policy impacting peanut farmers; oversaw promotions for Alabama-grown peanuts; worked on research projects with stakeholders and the National Peanut Board; and managed day-to-day operations in APPA's Dothan office. While at APPA, he increased retail peanut sales for the association by 433% through partnerships with 165 local businesses.

Davis is a two-time Auburn University graduate with bachelor's and master's degrees in agriscience technology education. He taught agriscience for 10 years before joining the Alabama State Department of Education's Career and Technical Education Section in 2004, first as an education specialist and then as education administrator, where he worked with the state FFA officer team. He retired in 2019.

Throughout his career, Davis has cultivated experience serving on committees he'll now source involvement for, including the Alabama Farm-City Committee, Alabama Ag in the Classroom Steering Committee and other influential statewide entities.

Davis and his wife, Sonna, have one son, Jaken, a freshman at AU. They attend Fairview Baptist Church in Samson.

New Hope Senior Center looking for new participants

The New Hope Senior Citizens Center is taking applications for new participants. Must be age 60 or older. For more info., contact Conzuella Banks, center manager.

C.C. Arts Alliance event set for Feb. 7 in Enterprise, Ala.

The Coffee County Arts Alliance will present - Forever Young [Your Life - Your Music] Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m., at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center.

FOREVER YOUNG follows one unforgettable group of friends as they discover the greatest hits of all time! Set in a music-filled suburban basement, this unbelievable heartfelt true story is guaranteed to take you back to the first time you pushed play, tuned in, and set the needle down.

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Elba Public Library to host afterschool math program

The Elba Public Library is hosting an afterschool program this spring designed to help small groups of students develop their math skills.

Students work one-on-one with personnel to practice basic math operations, such as multiplication, division, and fractions. The program will be implemented by PicScience, an organization that works to improve access to STEM, preparing students for career opportunities in the future.

The library hosted this program last summer and fall.

"I want to thank PicScience, Hanna Jones and Sydney Brackin for working with our kids," Elba Public Library director Jennifer Amlong said. "They seemed to enjoy it and that says a lot about the program and the leaders!"

The program will run from Monday, Jan. 23, through Monday, April 24, on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m. Registration is available at the Elba Public Library.

There are only a few spots left. Call the library at (334) 897-6921 to reserve a spot.

Upcoming events announced by Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of AL

Saturday, Feb. 11, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Farm Business Classes for certification. Will learn how to write business plans, assess resources and needs, prepare, and read spread sheets and other financial records, identify needs and resources. Will have five (5) classes and must attend all classes to receive small stipend at the end. First class in a series of four classes. IN PERSON CLASSES.

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, 11 a.m.: Memorial Service for Tim Mitchell. Lunch at 12 (Noon) followed by Tribal Meeting 1 p.m. Zoom will have prior approval for use. Mandatory SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TODAY OR OTHERWISE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Saturday, Feb. 25, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Farm Business Classes for certification. Will learn how to write business plans, assess resources and needs, prepare, and read spread sheets and other financial records, identify needs and resources. Will have 4 classes and must attend all classes to receive small stipend at the end. Second class in a series of five classes.

Note: All meetings/events will be at 2950 County Road 377, Elba. All are open to the public. For additional information, call (334) 897-3207.

Coffee County Extension Office set to host Beef Quality Assurance training

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, the Coffee County Extension Office in New Brockton, Ala., will host an Alabama Beef Quality Assurance Training from 5:30-8 p.m.

Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) is a nationally coordinated, state implemented program that provides systematic information to United States beef producers and consumers. This information is on how common sense husbandry techniques can be coupled with

accepted scientific knowledge to raise cattle under optimum management and environmental conditions. BQA guidelines are designed to make certain all beef consumers can take pride in what they purchase and can trust and have confidence in the entire beef industry.

This training is free. Those interested in participating should reserve their spot by Monday, Jan. 30th. Call (334) 894-5596.

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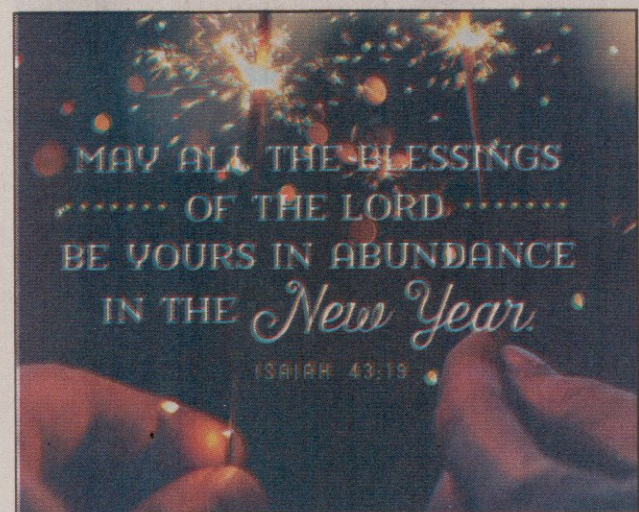
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